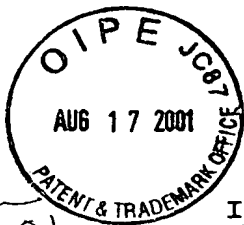


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 11, 2001 OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 11, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 11, 2001 Office Action was due July 11, 2001. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from July 11, 2001 to August 11, 2001 for responding to the April 11, 2001 Office Action. The required fee for the one-month extension of time is \$55.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the April 11, 2001 Office Action is now due August 11, 2001. However, because August 11, 2001 is a Saturday, the response shall be considered timely if filed the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, August 13, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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